

AMENDMENT

In the Claims:

Please amend claim 1 to read as follows:

1. (Amended) A multi-component, longitudinally continuous extrusion suitable for use in the fenestration, decking and remodeling industries, comprising:

a first, high density composite member consisting of a thermoplastic component and a cellulosic fiber component all of a first pre-selected formulation extruded from a primary extruder into an extrusion die, wherein the first member has inner and outer sidewalls defining a high density, thin wall extrusion having at least one enclosed, hollow interior compartment; and,

B1 a second, low density foamed member consisting of a foamed thermoplastic polymer having a second pre-selected formulation different from the first pre-selected formulation, coextruded with the first member in a molten state from a secondary extruder into the extrusion die so as to be laterally coextensive with and molecularly bonded to one of the sidewalls of the first member.

A marked up copy of the amended claim is also attached in accordance with 37 C.F.R. § 1.121(c)(ii).

REMARKS

The Applicant's election with traverse of Group I, claims 1 through 11, in Paper No. 5 has been acknowledged by Examiner Vo. The restriction requirement has been traversed, but the Examiner has made the restriction final. The Applicant respectfully requests through his undersigned representative that in view of the above amendments the restriction requirement be reconsidered. The previous prior art rejections and the Section 1.112 claim rejections in Paper No. 3 have been rescinded, and claim 11 has been allowed. Thus, claims 1 through 11 remain in this application.

Claims 1 through 8 have been rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 102(b) as being anticipated by WO 99/51425. Claims 9 and 10 have been rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as being obvious variations over the teachings of that same reference in view of U.S. Patent No.